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Alaskan Coin Collectors To Observe Special Week

The Frontiersman, Palmer, April 26, 1962.

Many coin collectors in Alaska will celebrate the week of April 29 to May 5 as National Coin Week. According to Guy Woodings of Palmer, president of the Alaska Coin Club, the hobby has grown considerably the past few years, with many people branching into many fields. The young or new collector nearly always starts by purchasing an inexpensive reference book and holders for present coinage and then starts looking through his change. As a collector advances his hobby he usually narrows his field and specializes. He has many choices, Woodings pointed out. Domestic or foreign, ancient or present, coinage or currency, gold or silver or copper (even platinum, aluminum, tin and others), merchants' tokens, official issues or medals, etc. Tokens of Alaska are very popular at the present time and a revised reference is forthcoming this Fall*, listing official issues such as the Bingles of ARRC, as well as bar, bus commemorative tokens and others, he added.

National Coin Week
APRIL 28 to MAY 5
The Alaska Coin Club presents its third
Spring Auction
APRIL 29 at SUNSET MOTOR CO.
In Anchorage
Starting time 1:00 p.m. Over 500 lots

Alaska's Senators and Representative have introduced bills into Congress to authorize a commemorative 50 cent piece to be struck in 1967 for the anniversary of Alaska's purchase. The bill specifies 100,000 50 cent pieces, of a special appropriate design, to be legal tender to the amount of their face value. Stipulated also, is that the coins be issued only upon request of the office of the governor of the State of Alaska upon payment of the par value of the coins. The coins would then presumably be sold at a profit to interested persons and collectors to defray centennial expenses. Several collectors have urged a silver dollar be authorized and issue through banking channels. Some would like to have 7,200,000 struck to remind the Russians of the meager price paid for this great land, Woodings said.

The Alaska Coin Club, as a member of the American Numismatic Association, is celebrating National Coin Week with displays, informative talks, television appearances and a coin auction. The auction consists of over 500 lots and will be held at Sunset Motors in Anchorage. Coins will be for sale prior to and after the auction at bourse tables.

COIN CLUB WEEK SET HERE

Jessen's Weekly, Fairbanks, April 25, 1962.

Members of the Fairbanks Coin Club will observe National Coin Week beginning April 28, till May 5. Officers of the club are John Barnes, president; Dean Hart, vice-president; Ruby Thomas, Secretary; Mrs. Ralph Bailey, treasurer.

During the week - on the night of April 30th, beginning at 7:30 - the club has scheduled a bourse to be held at Eagle's Hall, with a door prize to be offered in the form of a five-dollar gold piece.

During the week also, townspeople may view exhibits by members of the organization which will be placed in many downtown stores and for which prizes will be awarded. Judging these exhibits will be John Butrovich, Dallas Greer and Fred Kwiatkowski.

The Fairbanks Coin Club was originated three years ago by Dave Adler and Stanley Robertson

* Probably referring to "Rubles to Statehood," which was not printed until 1965.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

National Coin Week, sponsored by the American Numismatic Society, is April 20 to April 26, so it only seemed appropriate that we dig into the LoC and see what could be found. Actually, I was just searching "Coin Club," and the articles on NCW were a bonus!

The 1960s were the heyday of coin collecting. It seems everyone was collecting coins. This is about the time my aunt got me started filling holes in the old blue Whitman folder for Lincoln Cents.

The articles from 1962 are interesting. I am sure the Anchorage Daily News, the Anchorage Times, and the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner had articles as well, but they are not found on the LoC.

In 1967 everyone who could scrape up enough money to issue a commemorative medal for the Alaska Purchase Centennial did so. Kurtis Hawk has documented 63 different issuers, with 175 pieces in all metals.

Our thanks go to J.D. Williams for research concerning the coinage bill calling for a commemorative Half Dollar to celebrate the centennial of the purchase of Alaska.

eBay was quiet this month with only a few items of note. There have been quite a number of "fantasy restrikes" from the Duane Feisel collection. We will document these in a later issue of this newsletter.

Spring is coming. If you don't live in Fairbanks, you really can't appreciate how fast the days get longer. The song "*Seven Minutes More Than Yesterday*" by Will Putman keeps running through my mind. And the days start getting shorter in about 3 months ;(

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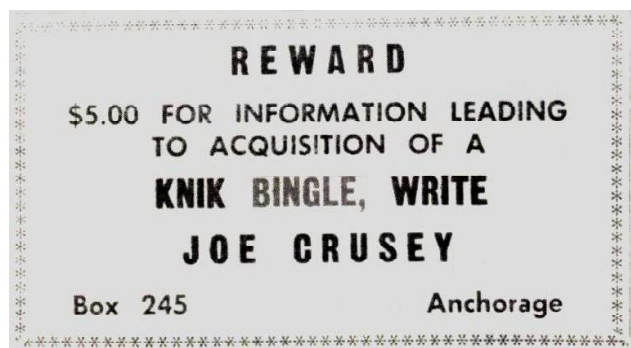
PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Anchorage , Sourdough Bar, 25¢, B-35a	11.01
Cleary , Willis & Welch, 25¢, B-5a	50.00OB
Cooper Landing , Russian River Ferry, B-T1c	9.02
Fairbanks , Brown Derby, 10¢, B-10b, holed	12.50
Fairbanks , Public Schools, Milk, B-18a	25.05
Fairbanks , Pioneer Hotel, 5¢, B-45aI	36.00
Fairbanks , University Coach, 12½¢, B-T8a	32.00
Ketchikan , Lucky Spot, 10¢, B-32b	15.50
Ketchikan , White Cab Co., 1 Stage Fare, B-T6a	29.00
Ketchikan , White Cab Co., 1 Stage Fair, B-T6c	37.00
King Salmon , NCO Open Club, \$1, B-1e	15.01
Kotzebue , Ferguson Stores, 50¢, B-1b	14.59
Nenana , Nenana Trading Post, \$1, B-5a	750.00OB
Palmer , A.R.R.C., 5¢, B-1b	188.05
Palmer , A.R.R.C., \$5	275.00
(Palmer) , P.C.C. (prison), 5	11.01
Seward , Seward Bar, 12½¢, B-14a	51.00
Skagway , Shamrock Billiard Parlor, 12½¢, B-24a	9.95OB
Dawson, Yukon , DTG 25¢ revalued to 50¢	OB35.00NB
Mishler AK/HI statehood medal, sterling silver	586.00

OB = Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve;
RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it
now; BOA = Best Offer Accepted; DNS = Did Not Sell;
SUP = sold, unknown price. FTR = see For the Record.

WANTED "POSTER" FOR KNIK BINGLE!



The Frontiersman, Palmer, June 7, 1962.

Searching the LoC for small space fillers, using the search term "bingle" I found this ad. This would have been a great item for the January issue to go with J.D. Williams article on the Palmers Bar token. I wonder if this appeared before or after Howard Thew obtained his Palmers

Bar token?
Perhaps Mr. Crusey would have settled for this token.



COIN WEEK, CONT.

when Adler was arranging a display of coin albums and coins were part of his personal collection from 1918, in the window of this Book Shop. Robertson, himself a coin collector and professional numismatist, became interested in the project and together, the two men instituted the present club, of which Adler is honorary president.

Since its inception the club has grown increasingly and is found to be of particular interest to many of the young people of Fairbanks. After its regular meetings, which are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 in Arctic Bowl, consultations are often held with individuals who have a particular question or point of interest.

Anyone wishing to attend is urged to do so - and members who wish to bring guests are assured they will be more than welcome.

Jessen's Weekly, Fairbanks, May 2, 1962.

FULL HOUSE AT COIN CLUB

Almost as many people as coins were present at the annual Fairbanks Coin Club "bourse" Monday night at the Eagles Hçall.

Dave Adler, honorary president of the group said that the attendance of several hundred persons at the meeting was the largest crowd that he had ever seen in the three year existence of the club.

Mrs. Ruby Thomas won first prize for her coin collection and Bill Dunahew won second prize.

Tying for first place in the junior display division were Turi Bailey and Hal Barnes.

Johnny Lundgren won the \$5 gold piece door prize and Margaret Cox won a proof set for second prize. John Barnes was third place winner.

Judges for the exhibits were John Butrovich, Dallas Greer and Fred Kwiatkowski.

Adler and Stanley Robertson, a coin collector and professional numismatist started the club three years ago when Adler was displaying a personal collection of his in his store window.

The club, which is open to all interested persons, meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays at Arctic Bowl.

The Fairbanks Coin Club remained very active and in 1965 hosted the "First Annual Coin Convention and issued silver and bronze medals to note the event.



From the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, July, 1965.

HOMETOWN REPORTER

Maury Smith

You say there are a lot of numismatists in town, Son, and you want to know where they parked their flying saucers? No, no, son. A numismatist is not from Mars. He is a coin collector with a down to earth approach to this business of coin of the realm. Any realm.

The numismatists are in town for the first state coin convention and if you want to see what they are about drop in at the Fairbanks Inn during the day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. There'll be a bourse, naturally. You thought I was going to say, of course, didn't you Son?

Among them is Chester Krause, publisher of Numismatic News of Iola, Wisconsin, and Howard Gibbs, author and leading authority on odd and curious money of the world.

The banquet, which will be held Friday evening at 7:30 will feature Mrs. Kay McDowell, co-author of "Rubles to Statehood," of Anchorage...

A special commemorative coin has been struck, 500 of them, serially numbered. They are of silver an bronze...

*For more information on these medals, and a clandestine gold medal, get a copy of our book **Tinnahs & Seal Skins, Gold Dust & Bingles.***

A BILL PROPOSING A COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR FOR THE ALASKA PURCHASE CENTENNIAL

87TH CONGRESS
2d Session

S. 3055

A BILL

To authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the purchase of Alaska from Russia.

By Mr. BARTLETT and Mr. GRUENING

MARCH 22 (legislative day, MARCH 14), 1962
Read twice and referred to the Committee on
Banking and Currency

A BILL

To authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the purchase of Alaska from Russia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That, in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the purchase of Alaska from Russia (which anniversary will be celebrated in 1967), there shall be coined one hundred thousand 50 cent pieces of standard size, weight and composition, and of a special appropriate design to be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury and after consultation with the Commission of Fine Arts and duly authorized representatives of the State of Alaska; but the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for such coinage.

Sec. 2. The coins shall bear the date of 1967, irrespective of the year in which they are minted, shall be legal tender to the amount of their face value, and shall be issued only upon the request of the Governor of the State of Alaska, upon the payment of the par value of the coins. Not less than five thousand coins shall be issued to the office of the Governor at any one time, and no coins shall be issued after December 31, 1967. The coins may be disposed of at par or at a premium, and the net proceeds from the disposition of the coins shall be used by the State to defray the necessary and

appropriate expenses incurred by it in carrying out its authorized functions in commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the purchase of Alaska.

Sec. 3. All laws now in force relating to subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same, regulating and guarding the process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of coins, for the preventions of debasement or counterfeiting, for the security of the coins, or for any other purpose, whether such laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein authorized.

87TH CONGRESS
2d Session

H. R. 10924

A BILL

To authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the purchase of Alaska from Russia.

By Mr. RIVERS of Alaska

MARCH 20, 1962
Referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency

H.R. 10924 is the same as S. 3055.

ERNEST H. GRUENING



Gruening was appointed Governor of the Territory of Alaska in 1939 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He served as Territorial Governor until 1953. He was one of Alaska's first Senators, along with Bob Bartlett.

BARTLETT'S REMARKS INTRODUCING SENATE BILL 3055



COINAGE OF 50-CENT PIECES IN COMMEMORATION OF 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PURCHASE OF ALASKA.

Mr. BARTLETT. Mr. President, for myself and the junior Senator from Alaska [Mr. Gruening] I introduce a bill and ask that it be appropriately referred. The purpose of the bill is to authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the purchase of Alaska from Russia. I would like to assure my colleagues that I would refuse to introduce any measure authorizing the striking of a commemorative coin if I were not deeply convinced that the commemorative event is of signal importance and if I were not convinced also that the President considered the acquisition of Alaska and its economic and political resources of signal importance.

Congressional documents tell us that when the Treaty of Cession was before the U.S. Senate for ratification in April 1867, Senator Charles Sumner, of Massachusetts, spoke for 3 hours describing in detail the colorful history of the territory, carefully sketching the geographic picture of the vast area as then recorded, reviewing its economic and sociological base and extolling Alaska's potential in trade and commerce with China. I, of course, would be prepared to do no less today, but with true Alaska patience will await the arrival of a more appropriate date.

I do think it is appropriate on the occasion of the introduction of this bill to note that our acquisition of Alaska from Russia was negotiated and accomplished in peace and without any aggressive intent. As evidence of the friendly relationship that existed then between the two countries, the President, through the Secretary of State, had invited the Emperor of Russia to send a representative to visit the United States just 3 years earlier. And this was a time when state visits from foreign emissaries were not arranged on a week-by-week basis.

I think also that it would be fitting to mention today the important part the Legislature of the Washington Territory played in pressing for an early agreement to purchase Alaska from Russia. In February 1866, a memorial was received by the President of the United States from the Legislature of the Washington Territory which alerted the President to the fact that an "abundance of codfish, halibut and salmon, of excellent quality, have been found among the shores of the Russian possession." With economic enthusiasm that is characteristic, there was a desire to gain access to these fishery resources.

We have all gained from the rich resources which the legislators of the territory of Washington sought and which the Russians peacefully traded. This peaceful acquisition was an important occasion. It should be commemorated. It can be upon the enactment of this legislation

The **PRESIDING OFFICER.** The bill will be received and appropriately referred.

The bill (S.3055) to authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the purchase of Alaska from Russia, introduced by Mr. Bartlett (for himself and Mr. Gruening), was received, read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

Although Congress failed to pass a bill for the issuance of a half dollar to commemorate the Alaska Purchase Centennial, Congress did pass Senate Bill 2614 which became law in 1966 and appropriated funds for the celebration. Although our Congressmen in the bill they introduced had sought up to \$7,200,000 to fund Centennial celebrations throughout Alaska, the amount being equal to the original purchase price of Alaska from Russia, Congress amended the amount to \$4,000,000. A provision for an additional \$600,000 in the original bill for federal exhibits was left intact, resulting in a total amount up to \$4,600,000 being appropriated for the celebration.

J.D. Williams

The medal above is the first medal in the Fairbanks Pioneers of Alaska series, issued in 1972 to honor Bob Bartlett.

U.S. MINT MEDAL FOR PURCHASE CENTENNIAL



While these bills did not pass, the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia (P mint mark) did make commemorative medals for the Purchase Centennial in platinum, silver and bronze. These were authorized by Congress on April 14, 1966 Public Law 89-393.

Mintages:

Silver, unnumbered 7,500 (\$10), #d 2,500 (\$15)

Bronze, 10,000 (\$2)

Platinum, 100 in sets with silver and bronze (\$500)

Sales were not good. They were still trying to sell these in 1969, with the three piece set price reduced to \$300. There were 3,650 silver medals (of 10,000) still available and the price was dropped to \$6 each. The bronze medals did better with only 1,300 of the 10,000 remaining. Bulk purchasers could get up to a 30% discount.

Sales of the “Official” medals (in the right column) seem to have been a bit better, with only 700 of 12,500 bronze remaining in 1969. See the May, 2021 issue for more detailed information.

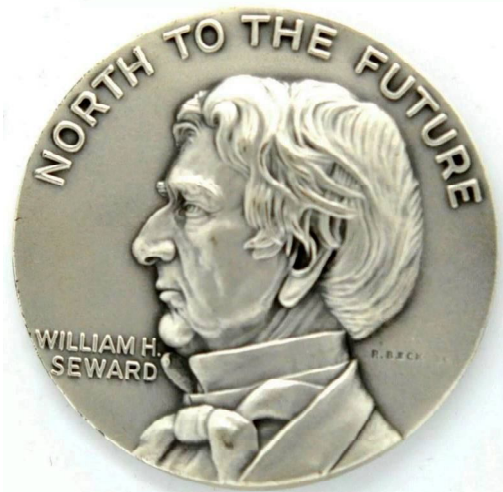
EVERYONE!!!

And when I say everyone who could did issue a special medal for the Purchase Centennial...



Jane W. Mears Junior High School Coin Club. Jane Mears was the wife of Col. Frederick Mears and a prominent Anchorage in her own right.

OFFICIAL MEDAL!



Issued by the Alaska Centennial Commission, and struck by Medallic Art Co., this large, high relief medal was used to raise funds for the celebration. The medals are 2½ inches in diameter and the pure silver medal weighs over 5 oz.

A PRIVATELY PROPOSED COMMEMORATIVE HALF FOR ALASKA STATEHOOD



See April/May, 2003 for the complete article. Designed and written by Robert A. Johnson for “The Coin Press,” December 12, 1959.

WHAT IF SEWARD HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED?



The plan was to assassinate Lincoln, Vice President Andrew Johnson, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Secretary of State William H. Seward, all on the same evening (April 14, 1865).

The assassination attempt on Lincoln succeeded. The attempts on Johnson and Grant never took place.

The assassination attempt on Seward was thwarted by the heroic action of George F. Robinson a male nurse who had been invalided from the Union Army.

Lewis Payne (aka Powell) was assigned the task of killing Seward. He forced his way past a servant at the door and climbed the stairs to Seward's bedroom. Seward was bedridden from injuries in a carriage accident. Payne clubbed Frederick Seward, one of Seward's sons with his pistol, rendering the pistol useless.

Robinson attacked Payne, but Payne knocked him down and slashed him with a knife. Payne found Seward and slashed him, but the neck brace Seward was wearing from the carriage accident saved his life.

Although already injured, Robinson again attacked Payne, only to be stabbed repeatedly. Augustus Seward, another son, was severely beaten.

Robinson again attacked Payne, who then fled. Robinson then rushed to Seward's bedside to stop the worst of the bleeding.

In 1871, Robinson was awarded the Congressional Gold

Medal, and \$5,000. It was not until 1873 that the mint produced the medal. It was designed by G.Y. Coffin and engraved by former Mint engraver Anthony C. Paquet.

The obverse features a small bust of Robinson with the appropriate legends. The reverse show an heroic Robinson fending off Payne, with Seward reclining in his bed.

The gold medal was presented to Robinson and copper-bronzed example were made for collectors. These were available from the U.S. Mint at least into the 1970s, but are no longer sold by the mint.

Which brings us to the question posed in the title - What would happen if Seward had been assassinated? Would the U.S. have purchased Alaska? Perhaps Britain would have done so. It seems unlikely that Russia could have maintained control.

An article by Robert W. Julian in the August 2016 issue of COINS magazine provides an account of this event in much more detail.

And all this controversy/ridicule about Trump wanting to buy Greenland. Seward suggested that the United States should annex Greenland and Iceland in 1868¹.

¹ A Report on the Resources of Iceland and Greenland, compiled by Benjamin Hills Pierce (on instructions from William H. Seward, Secretary of State).

PIONEER MEMORIAL PARK - A67

The year 1967 marked the centennial of the purchase of Alaska by the United States from Russia. This event was marked statewide with the issue of probably more than 100 medals (Kurtis Hawks count is now 175).

The U.S. Mint even got into the act (see page48). This medal featured the nearly omnipresent Purchase Centennial totem pole on the reverse. This symbolic totem pole starts with the "onion dome" of the Russian Orthodox Church, surmounted by an eagle. Next is a gold panner, a locomotive and finally topped by a star inscribed "49". The obverse of the mint's medal has the legend "North to the Future," and a prospector and all his gear.



But with all the activity throughout the state, the official Centennial Exposition site, then known as Pioneer Memorial Park, may have been Alaskaland concurrently, and is now Pioneer Park. Why Fairbanks was chosen is a bit of a mystery to me. Sitka seems to be the logical choice for such an exposition.

The park originally featured the "Pickle Barrel" convention site, a train, riverboat, zoo, cabins moved from downtown and Indian Village. All of these are depicted on the obverse of the medal. When we arrived in 1974, all these features were still present. The zoo was discontinued shortly there after. The park now has an air museum, pioneer's museum and recreational activities for children.

The A-67 emblem dominates the reverse, and the legend "Pioneer Memorial Park, Fairbanks, Alaska" is around the rim, while "North to the Future" is below the A-67.



Another "A-67" is an odd piece. It is a foil covered nickel. The obverse has the A-67 emblem with the leg-

end "Alaska Purchase Centennial Exposition, 1967." The reverse has the Purchase Centennial totem with the legend "Alaska Centennial, 1867-1967." We have no information this. We have to wonder where it was made, and if a product like this is still available today.



Last is the Alaskaland Exposition medal/token. Alaskaland Exposition can be seen above the entrance gate in 1967, along with the stylized stars. The reverse has a gold panner and the legend "ASIRTSIQUQ 50¢ ATILIRLUNI, Fairbanks, Alaska." This strange looking inscription is actually Central Yupik and according to the Alaska Native Language Institute at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, translates to "It is good for a total of 50¢." It is brass, 30mm.



Not to be left out, Anchorage issued a trade dollar, now known as the "Illegal Dollar" for the Anchorage Exposition. This token is gold colored plated zinc, 35mm. It features the Purchase Centennial totem on the obverse with the legend "North to the Future, Alaska Centennial 1867 1967." The reverse has "Anchorage Exposition, Alaska Centennial" around the rim, and trade dollar text in the center. An article by J.D. Williams in our book *Tinnahs & Seal Skins, Gold Dust & Bingles* gives a full account.

**I WOULD LIKE TO BUY OLD ALASKAN
TRADE TOKENS, "BINGLES" AND TRADING BEADS
FOR MY COLLECTION**

Write Caro McDowall
2404 Darby Ave., Anchorage

Tundra Times, Fairbanks, September 23, 1963

CRYSTAL WELL FAIRBANKS B-13.1



Alaska Citizen, April 13, 1914.

Fred Musgjerd Tells An Unusual Story

Fred Musgjerd, of this city, is the owner of what is believed to be the most intelligent horse in Alaska...

The horse is on the water wagon, or, more properly, he is hitched to the sleigh belonging to Mr. Musgjerd and makes his daily trips about the city to distribute water to various residences.

For a long time the horse has given evidence that he knows the special card displayed in windows to invite Mr. Musgjerd to leave water and he invariably stops where ever the card is displayed, without being required by his master to do so.

As there is a number of cards belonging to as many water distributors, it would seem that the horse would make a mistake at times, but it is asserted that by his master that he never stops at the wrong place

"I believe that horse can read; anyway he knows my water sign. Only a few days ago I was driving him along the street without paying much attention to where he was going when he suddenly drew up to one side of the street in front of a house where I had never before delivered water, and was looking up at the window. I was surprised to see my water sign there.

"As it was the first time the people in that house had taken my water, and as I never knew before that they had one of my cards, I was not looking for the house. How the people got hold of one of my cards, I do not know, but the fact remains that the horse saw the sign in the window and stopped there because it was my sign. Other signs for water had been left in the window before that time, but the horse never before offered to stop there.

"That was not the first time that the horse picked out the place where my signs are displayed. He seems al-

ways to know where my cards are, and never makes a mistake in stopping at places."

Alaska Citizen, November 20, 1916.

WELLS WHICH SUPPLY TOWN ARE SANITARY

According to a report coming from the health committee, the wells from which water is supplied to the town of Fairbanks are sanitary. There was a report received at the council meeting some weeks ago that there were cesspools near the wells. However, the investigation of the committee disclosed that there were none.

The two wells from which water is peddled around town belong to Ben Hoetler and Fred Musgjerd. The former calls his well the Crystal Well.

ALASKAN SPONSORED BILL

I was cleaning out my file cabinet and found the following clipping. I don't have the source or date, but it is circa 1985.

A new starter among commemorative coin proposals pending in Congress has been added by Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska. He introduced two coinage bills June 13, one which calls for a five-year program of gold and silver coins honoring great American scientists.

The other bill would authorize gold and silver bullion coins to compete with the South African Krugerrand. Several other bills are already in the hopper in both houses.

YUKON & BRITISH COLUMBIA DATA BASES

Ronald Greene and Eric Jensen have authored a database of Yukon tokens. Ron and Eric, along with David Byard have also authored a database on British Columbia tokens.

These databases can be accessed at:

cnr-rnc/greene-ronald

A tremendous amount of work went into these. Give them a look.

FOR THE RECORD



(ANCHORAGE): (Elks) 1351, maroon (?) on ivory colored center in clay (?) chip, about 39mm.



ANCHORAGE: Peanut Farm; One Call drink, black on gray; One Draft, white on black, both plastic, 32mm. (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



(HAINES): The Wild Strawberry, Good for one free cup of coffee. Metallic red on white plastic, 40mm. Does not say "Haines" on the token. The apparent white label is caused by a word search in images. (submitted by J.D. Williams).

Tundra Times, Fairbanks, December 2, 1963.

BINGLES WANTED

Highest price paid for Alaska "BINGLES" or tokens. All letters answered the same day received.

Joe Crusey

Box 245, Anchorage, Alaska



SITKA: (Elks) 1662. \$1 gold on white and \$20 gold on yellow, both plastic, 39mm.



SITKA: John Henry Littlefield, III, 1948-2014 (born Oct. 10, 1946, died May 24, 2014). The obverse has a portrait of Littlefield and the legend "Teiyagook Nasaaxh". The reverse has the date October 8, 2016 and the legend "L'uknaxh.adi Koo.eex / Nas.aaxh ." At the top is a salmon (?) above the Alaska and U.S. flags. It appears he was in the Raven Moiety, the Salmon clan (L'uknaxh.adi). This medal was issued 2 years after his death, so it is our assumption that it was for a Potlatch. Littlefield was a veteran serving with the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He is buried at the Sitka National Cemetery. Copper, 38mm.

Yukon Valley News, September 6, 1905.

BLUE PARKA MAN AT HIS OLD TRICKS

Fairbanks, Aug. 30. -- William Hicks was held up on the creek road yesterday by a man believed to be he blue parka bandit who recently escaped from the federal jail at this place.

See page 56!

MEDALS FROM THE ARTICLES



F.C.C., First Annual Coin Convention, 1965.
Silver and bronze set, .808 ASW

50.00



Alaska Purchase Centennial, Philadelphia Mint,
set of 2, silver and bronze, ASW .58
As above, bronze only.

25.00
8.00



F.C.C., Bob Bartlett, (1972), silver and bronze
set. .785 ASW

35.00



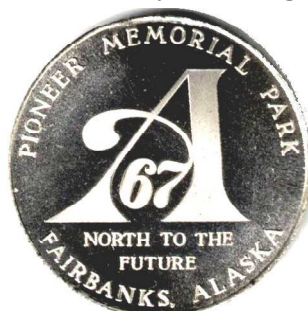
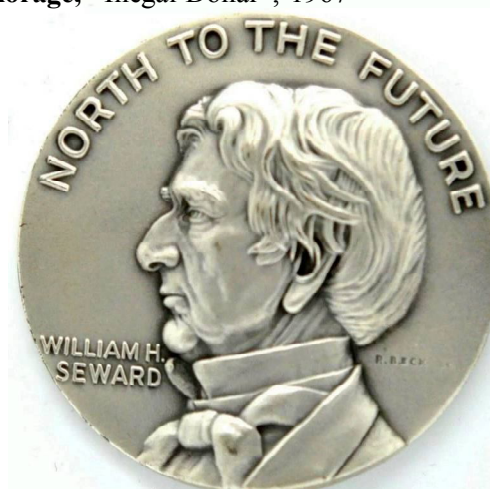
Anchorage, "Illegal Dollar", 1967

5.00



Ernest Henry Gruening, CN, minted in the 70s.

8.00



Pioneer Memorial Park silver and bronze,
ASW .791

35.00



Alaskaland Exposition, 50¢, brass.

12.00



Alaska Purchase Centennial, Silver & bronze
set, ASW 5.21
As above, bronze only

225.00
5.00

ALASKA PURCHASE CENTENNIAL MEDALS

Those items noted as 1967PC have the official Purchase Centennial totem on one side.

ALASKA - GENERAL



Alaska Purchase Centennial encapsulated nickel (see page 50). The holder says "Rare, 150 made." We cannot confirm that only 150 were made, but this is the first we have seen in years.

50.00



Alaska/Canada Centennial, Seward and MacDonald on obverse, map reverse, same maker as the Gruening medal. CN 37mm

8.00

Bear on Map, brs and brz., #7d, 40mm

8.00

As above, brs only un-#7d

5.00

Alaska Comm. Region, star on map flanked by flags, brs and brz., #7d, 40mm

10.00

Similar to above, but with North to the Future on the reverse, alum. 40mm

5.00

Alaska Aviation Committee, 1967PC, bi-plane on reverse, brz., 40mm

8.00

ANCHORAGE

Al Aska Temple, 1967PC, CN 40mm

8.00

As above, brass, w/o Anchorage

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As above, CN

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Alaska Shrine Patrol, 1967PC, Smile with Nile, alum., 34mm w/hole

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Anchorage Trade Dollar, 1967PC, set of 3 plastic.

6.00

Cook Inlet Native Association, Nick Gray

Memorial, brz. 40mm

5.00

As above, CN

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Cook Inlet Native Association, 1967PC,

50¢ in trade, CN, 32mm

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Fur Rendezvous, dog sledding, blanket toss totem. Brass, 33mm

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Gold Rush Motor Lodge, 1967PC, mining scene, brass, 32mm

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Kiwanis Steam Railroad, Moose Gooser,

1967PC. brass, 40mm, train going right,

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As above, CN, train going right

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As above, CN, train going left

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Moose 1534, 1967PC, ox. CN, 40mm

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North Pole Enterprises, 1967PC, 50¢, brass, 32mm

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O'Neil's Trade Dollar, brz. 40mm

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HOMER

Homer Museum, brz., 40mm

5.00

HOPE

Hope, Alaska, 1894 gold strike, 1967PC, brs and brz, 40mm

12.00

As above, bronze only

6.00

As above, brass only

6.00

Hope City, 1895 Gold Rush, 1967PC, sterling silver, 40mm

38.00

As above, CN

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As above, brass, 34mm

8.00

INDIAN

Jim's Saloon, 1967PC, one drink, 32mm brs

10.00

KETHCIKAN

Elks 1429, 1967PC, 45 yrs, CN, 32mm

5.00

KODIAK

King Crab Festival, 1967PC, brass, 38mm

5.00

SEWARD

Cornerstone of an Empire, Flag rev. al 37mm

5.00

SPENARD

Friendly Fireside Lounge, 1967PC, brs, 40mm

5.00

TUSTUMENA LAKE

Big T, 1967PC, brz., 40mm

5.00

APC MEDALS, CONT.

WHITTIER

Sportsman's Inn, 1967PC, \$1 I/T, brs 33mm 8.00

VALDEZ

Eagles 1971, City of Valdez, brs. 40mm 8.00



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Shown actual size. Three styles of charms: plain charm, "spinner" charm and charm hanging from a "67" pin. The backs are marked sterling as shown, except for the "spinner" The bracket on the spinner is marked sterling. Enameled in white, light blue and dark blue. About 14mm in diameter, .054 oz. actual silver content. **Close out - \$3 each, 10 for \$25 plus postage.**

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The 1965 to 1974 medals were made by Wendell's of Minneapolis. The silver medals contain about .78 oz. ASW. The 1975 to 1981 medals were made by V.H. Blackinton of Massachusetts. The silver medals contain about .81 oz. ASW.

1965 Convention, silver and bronze	50.00
Bronze only	5.00
(1972) Bartlett, silver and bronze	35.00
Bronze only	5.00
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Bronze only	8.00
1976 Bob Reeves, silver and bronze	35.00
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Bronze only	5.00
1978 Leonhard Seppala silver and bronze	35.00
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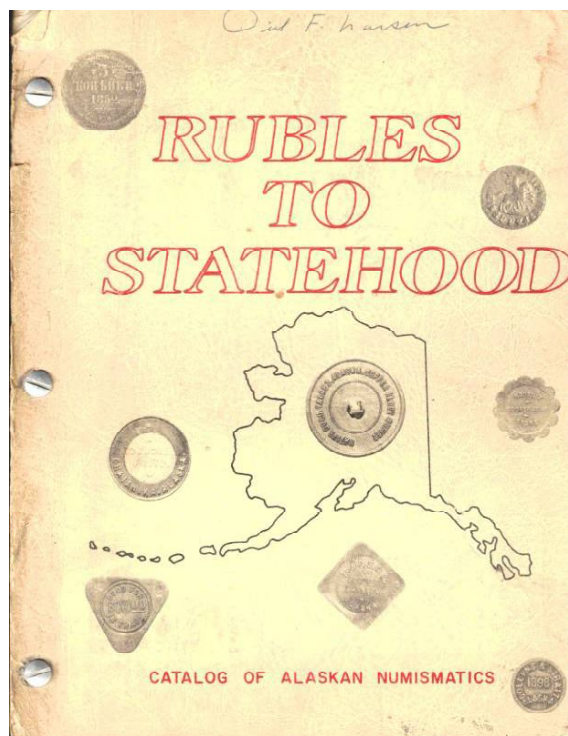
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Please note that the image is not good. The holder was too large for my scanner bed so I had to put two images together. Also, the screws in the holder hold the medals above the scanner bed so they are a bit out of focus.

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BOOKS MENTIONED IN THIS ISSUE



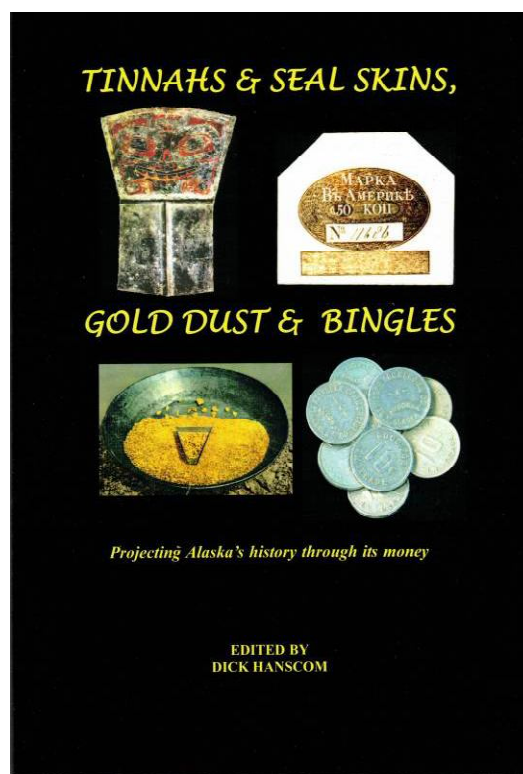
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Tinnahs & Seal Skins, Gold Dust & Bingles, edited by Dick Hanscom, 2015, 6 by 9 inches.

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